Restoration committee seeking new members

The committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall is presently conducting a membership drive in order to raise the funds necessary to have the roof on the south side of the two-story wing of City Hall repaired. In the past few months, the Committee has raised over $4,000 to be used for that purpose. An additional $6,000 are needed now, however, so that the Committee can contract to have these roof repairs carried out before winter, and thus prevent further water damage to the two-story wing, the oldest part of Carbondale City Hall.

The Committee's highest priority is now, and has always been the complete restoration of Carbondale City Hall. One of the other objectives of the restoration committee, however, is to perpetuate, promote and impart a knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the history of Carbondale and the surrounding area to the community as a whole. That being the case, the Committee sponsored the First Annual Carbondale City Hall Lecture and Film Series during Pioneer Days 1982.

This highly successful lecture and film series consisted of nine afternoon and evening programs in City Hall on the history of Carbondale and the surrounding area. At the conculsion of this series, the Committee's membership secretary, Nan Loftus, reported that over $1,000 in membership fees and contributions had been raised, and that the Committee had received 25 new memberships.

The new members of the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall are: Jennie Bordinaro, Florence Box, Mrs. Joseph X. Carney, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Coleman, Kathryn McW. Colville, Mrs. Kenneth H. Colville Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Colville Jr., Veronica O. Domanick, Mrs. James Enright, Esther G. Evans, Edith A. Gardner, John Martin Hart Jr., LaBelle (Joseph Russo), John F. Malone, Maude A. Masters, Mr. and Mrs. James K. McWilliams, Antionette H. Miller, Mrs. Sabina Moran, P&A Children's Dress (Patrick Vadella), Donald W. Powell, Bob and Anne Price, Claude and Esther Pullis, Oliver and Kay Shifler, Anita Shinkman, Gertrude Gardner Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Yepson, and Kenneth C. and Margaret Wilce. Nan Loftus also reported that a contribution to the roof fund was recently made by Norman A. Polansky of Athens, Georgia.

An additional objective of the restoration committee is to preserve and restore all those buildings and historical sites in Carbondale and the surroundig area that are significant in local history and culture and which, collectively, constitute Carbondale's irreplaceable cultural and architectural heritage. As such, the Committee has had repaired the broken historial marker, which gives a brief account of the founding of the city of Carbondale, that used to stand along Route 6 in Childs.

This historical marker is one of the over 1,400 historical markers (gold lettering on a blue background, topped by the coat of arms of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania) that have been installed by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission since 1946.

On September 25, 1982, at 10 a.m., the Committee will install this Carbondale historical marker in the small plot of land on the City Hall lot between City Hall and the Columbia Hose Company. The public are invited to attend these installation and dedication ceremonies.

The Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall is an independent group of Carbondale citizens and friends of Carbondale City Hall and of the city of Carbondale. The Committee is not affiliated with any agency of the city, county of state governments. The funds that the Committee has already raised, as well as the funds that the Committee will ultimately raise in order to accomplish its objectives, are completely under the Committee's control. Earlier this year, the Committee contracted to have the tower clock of City Hall repaired at at cost of over $3,000.

Five different membership plans are available to the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall: individual membership ($25), student or senior citizen membership ($15), family membership ($35), sustaining or corporate membership ($100), and supporting membership ($1,000).

To become a member of the Committee, complete a membership form at the Carbondale Public Library. Membership forms can also be obtained by writing to the Committee (P.O. Box 151, Carbondale) or by telephoning Nan Loftus at 282-2361.